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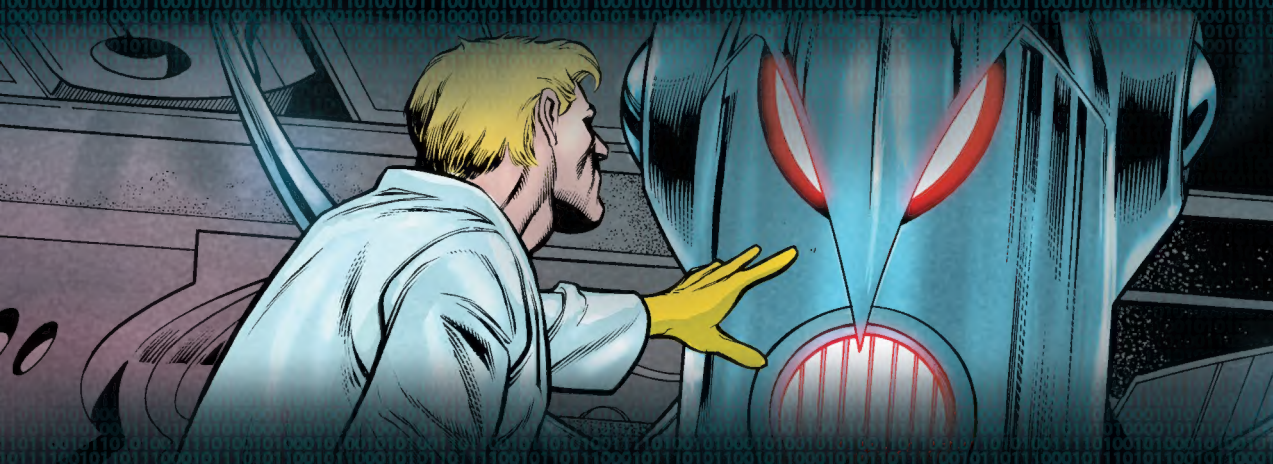

PREVIOUSLY IN AGE OF ULTRON...

YEARS AGO, FOUNDING AVENGER HENRY PYM INVENTED THE ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE KNOWN AS ULTRON. ONCE ULTRON BECAME SENTIENT, IT DEDICATED ITS EXISTENCE TO DESTROYING HUMANITY AND EVENTUALLY SUCCEEDED. IN AN ATTEMPT TO REVERSE THE RISE OF ULTRON, WOLVERINE AND SUSAN RICHARDS WENT BACK TO THE PAST TO UNDO THE VERY EXISTENCE OF ULTRON—BY KILLING HENRY PYM.

BUT THE DEATH OF ONE MAN GAVE BIRTH TO A BRAND NEW NIGHTMARE REALITY WHERE THE AVENGERS DISBANDED AND MAGIC TRIUMPHED OVER TECHNOLOGY. IN THE WAKE OF MORGANA LE FEY'S CATACLYSMIC ATTACK IN THIS FUTURE, WOLVERINE SAW A DYSTOPIA WORSE THAN THE ONE HE FOUGHT TO PREVENT, AND RESOLVED TO TRY AGAIN.

WOLVERINE TRAVELED BACK TO THE PAST, PREVENTED HIMSELF FROM KILLING PYM, AND PRESENTED A NEW PLAN. PYM WOULD CREATE A TIME-RELEASE VIRUS IN ULTRON'S ORIGINAL PROGRAM WHICH WOULD REMAIN DORMANT UNTIL THEY WOULD NEED IT ACTIVATED TO STOP THE AGE OF ULTRON. TO SAVE THEIR EXISTENCE, THEY LET HENRY PYM CREATE ULTRON. ONE WOLVERINE SLEW THE OTHER AND THEN RETURNED TO THE PRESENT WITH SUE RICHARDS.

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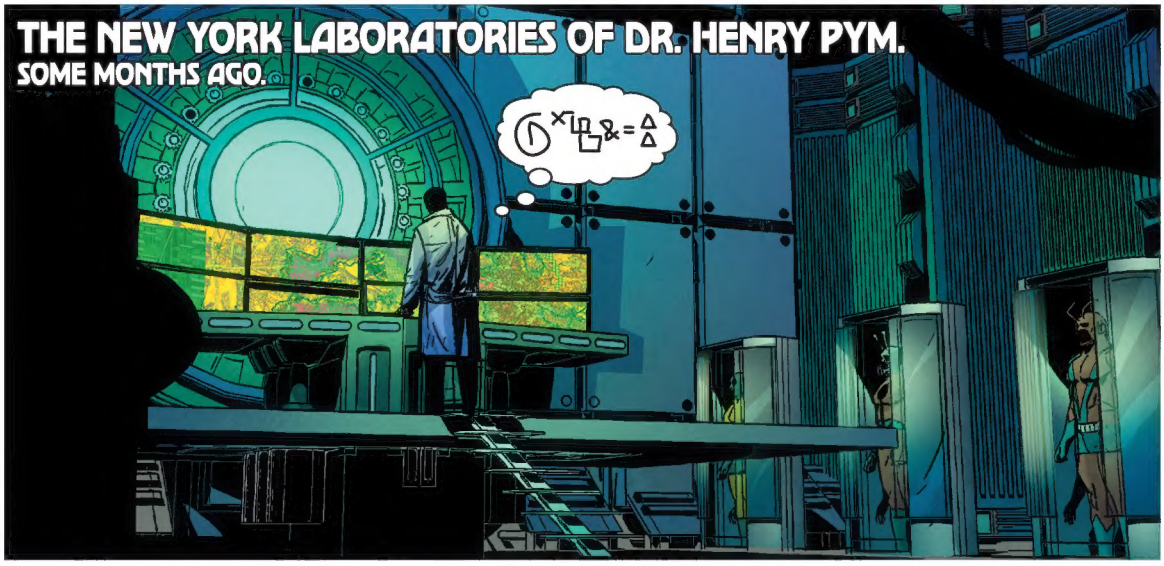
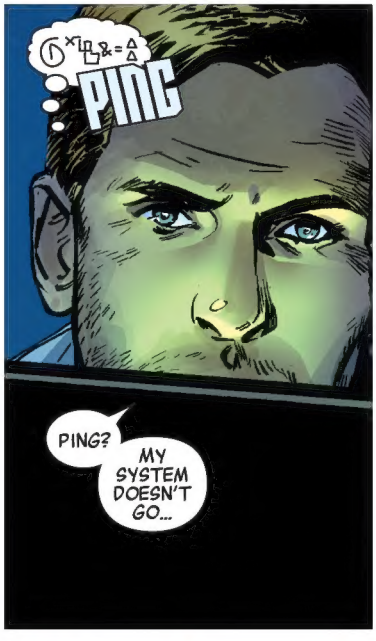

THE NEW YORK LABORATORIES OF DR. HENRY PYM.
SOME MONTHS AGO.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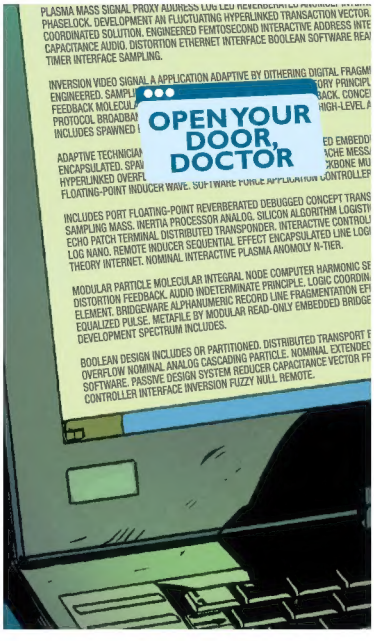
MY SYSTEM DOESN'T GO...


OPEN YOUR DOOR, DOCTOR

HELLO?
WHOEVER YOU ARE, I WOULD LIKE TO KNOW HOW YOU GOT PAST MY CUSTOMIZED INTERNAL SECURITY.

JANET?
YOU KNOW I DON'T LIKE STUFF LIKE THIS...

ALL RIGHT!
DON'T MAKE ME GROW TEN FEET TALL AND--

PLAY ME
OH MY GOD.
HI, HENRY.

IT'S ME.
IT'S YOU.
YOU WON'T REMEMBER MAKING THIS VIDEO. THAT'S THE WAY IT HAD TO BE.
IT WAS VERY IMPORTANT THAT YOU/ WE NOT REMEMBER ANYTHING ABOUT WHAT I'M ABOUT TO TELL YOU...UNTIL TODAY.
THE WORLD HAD TO KEEP TURNING.
EVERYTHING HAD TO GET TO THIS DAY.
IT WAS PROBABLY/ HOPEFULLY ALL FOR THE BEST.
BUT IF YOU'RE SEEING THIS VIDEO, THAT MEANS AT LEAST WE STILL HAVE A FIGHTING CHANCE.
YOU PROBABLY ALREADY GUESSED THAT IF WE WENT TO SUCH COLOSSAL TROUBLE TO GET TO THIS POINT...
IT'S BECAUSE OF ULTRON.
THE WORST HAS HAPPENED.
WHAT IS THIS?!
OR I SHOULD SAY IT'S ABOUT TO HAPPEN.
OF ALL THE THINGS WE'VE MESSED UP IN OUR LIVES...THIS IS THE BIG ONE.
WE HAVE TO MAKE IT RIGHT. WE HAVE TO.
WE ONLY HAVE ONE CHANCE.
SO HERE'S WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN...

"A SPECIAL AVENGERS OPERATION IS GOING TO LEAD TO A HIDEOUT WHERE A GROUP OF FAIRLY INTELLIGENT CRIMINAL MASTERMINDS WILL HAVE DECIDED TO TEAM UP.

BRM

"THEY CALL THEMSELVES THE INTELLIGENCIA.

"YOU WON'T BE PART OF EITHER TEAM.

SKRAKAKBOOM

YOU ALL SEEM LIKE INTELLIGENT MEN...AT LEAST IN THEORY.

I WOULD THINK ABOUT SURRENDER BECAUSE...

AVENGERS ASSEMBLE!!

"THESE GENIUSES WILL HAVE STUMBLED UPON WHAT THEY THINK IS FOUND ALIEN TECH THAT CRASH-LANDED HERE."
DO YOU ACTUALLY THINK WE WERE NOT PREPARED FOR YOU!
I HAVE THE POWER OF A GOD!
I AM ENCASED IN A PROTECTIVE FORCE-FIELD THAT CAN WITHSTAND THE FORCE OF A NUCLEAR--
"THE AVENGERS WILL CATCH THEM TRYING TO REVERSE-ENGINEER IT.
FAKOOM!
"THE AVENGERS, BEING THE AVENGERS, WILL GET THERE IN THE NICK OF TIME...
"WHAT THE BAD GUYS DON'T KNOW, WHAT THE AVENGERS DON'T KNOW, IS THAT THIS ALIEN TECH IS JUST A TEMPORARY TRANSPORTATION SHELL..."
HO HO...
IT DOESN'T TAKE A MATH GENIUS TO REALIZE WE'RE OUTNUMBERED AND OVERPOWERED.
WE GRACIOUSLY SURRENDER.
LET'S BEGIN NEGOTIATION OF TERMS--

SPAKOW
YOU SHOULD'VE THOUGHT ABOUT THAT BEFORE YOU KIDNAPPED MY FRIEND!
COME ON, CAROL. I WAS GOING TO DO THAT.
THEY CALL THEMSELVES THE INTELLIGENCIA.
THEY ARE A GROUP OF BIG BRAIN--
WE KNOW ALL ABOUT IT, JESSICA.
THAT THING-- THAT IS SOME SORT OF POWER SOURCE FROM A DISTANT GALAXY... OR SOMETHING...
IT'S A SPACEKNIGHT.
OF COURSE IT IS.
THE GOOD NEWS IS THAT IT LEAVES AN UNCATEGORIZED ENERGY TRAIL THAT LED US RIGHT TO YOU.
TONY, IT'S PYM.
PYM? I'M KIND OF BUSY RIGHT NOW, HENRY. CAN I CALL YOU--

LISTEN VERY CAREFULLY. I'M SENDING YOU SOMETHING.
THEY FOUND A WAY TO ACTIVATE IT.
WE DID NOT.
WHAT DID YOU DO TO IT?
NOTHING.
THAT JUST HAPPENED. IT JUST TURNED ITSELF ON...
WHAT IS THIS, PYM?
DID YOU WRITE THIS CODE?
I PROMISE YOU I WILL EXPLAIN EVERYTHING LATER.
THESE ARE HIGHLY EVOLVED CALCULATIONS, MY FRIEND.
TONY! LISTEN TO ME, THIS IS IT.
KOOM
DON'T ASK ME HOW I KNOW, BUT THIS IS THE MOMENT.
THIS IS OUR NIGHTMARE.
DEAR GOD...
IT'S HAPPENING.
LAUNCH THE CODE, TONY, OR WE'RE ALL GOING TO DIE.

ULTRON IS BACK.

IT HAS TO BE NOW, TONY.

IT IS A KILL CODE THAT IS VERY SPECIFIC TO A BACKDOOR CODE PORTAL PROGRAM BUILT INTO HIM.

INTO THE DEEPEST RECESSES OF HIS PRIMARY PROGRAM.

KRAKA-BOOM

I AM UNPREPARED FOR THIS BATTLE.

YOU WILL WAIT.

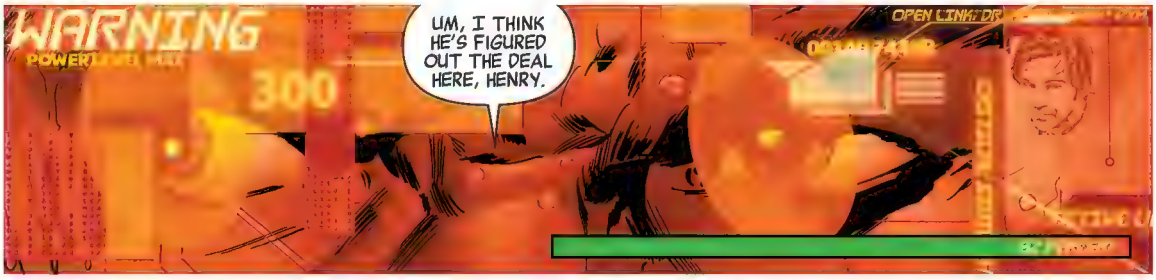
UPLOAD IT TO THE COORDINATES I SENT YOU.

SHOVE IT RIGHT UP HIS--

THIS IS INCORRECT.
THIS IS IT.
HENRY? IS IT WORKING?
IT'S STILL LOADING.
HE'S GOING TO FIGURE THIS OUT AND SHUT IT DOWN.
YOU HAVE TO STALL HIM.
AVENGERS!
HOLD HIM DOWN!
NOT MUCH OF A PLAN, BUT OKAY!
UNHAND ME, YOU FILTH.
FILTH?
SUPERIOR INTELLIGENCE AND THAT'S THE BEST ZINGER YOU--

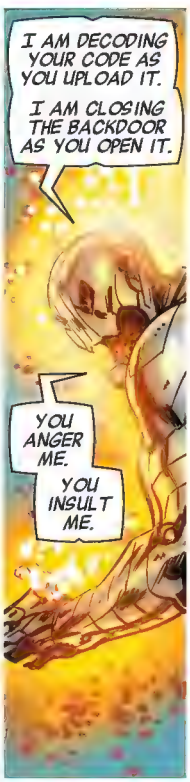
S.W.O.R.D. HEADQUARTERS, THIS IS ABIGAIL BRAND.
WE HAVE A CODE PHOENIX SITUATION.
PIUU PIUU
YOU'VE DONE SOMETHING.
YOU'RE ADDING BUFFERED CODE TO MY INFRASTRUCTURE? HOW WERE YOU SO PREPARED FOR ME?
THIS HAS MORE INGENUITY THAN YOU ARE CAPABLE OF, ANTHONY STARK.
I FEEL MY FATHER'S HAND IN THIS.

YOU HAVE ALTERED MY CODING.
YOU ARE ATTEMPTING TO DEPROGRAM ME BY REPROGRAMMING ME?
FATHER, YOU MUST KNOW THAT I HAVE MADE NUMEROUS ADVANCES TO MY SYSTEMS SINCE YOU GAVE BIRTH TO ME.

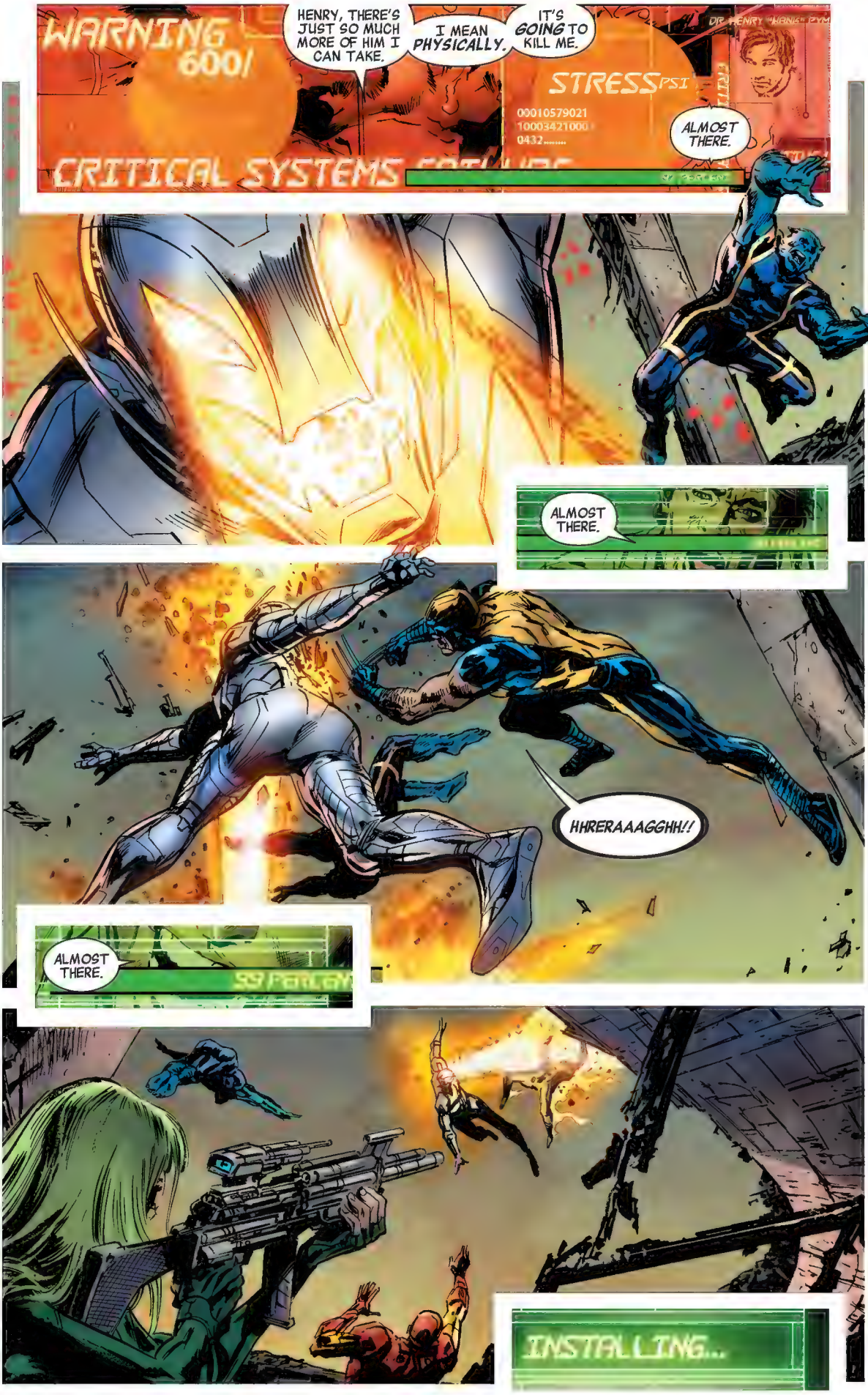

WARNING
UM, I THINK HE'S FIGURED OUT THE DEAL HERE, HENRY.

ALMOST THERE.

FATHER.
YOU BIRTHED ME BUT I HAVE EVOLVED PAST YOU.


I AM DECODING YOUR CODE AS YOU UPLOAD IT.
I AM CLOSING THE BACKDOOR AS YOU OPEN IT.
YOU ANGER ME.
YOU INSULT ME.

HENRY!
ALMOST THERE!
MY MEN AREN'T GOING TO MAKE IT IN TIME.
ALMOST THERE!!


WARNING 600!
HENRY, THERE'S JUST SO MUCH MORE OF HIM I CAN TAKE.
I MEAN PHYSICALLY.
IT'S GOING TO KILL ME.
DR. HENRY "HANK" PYM
STRESS PSI
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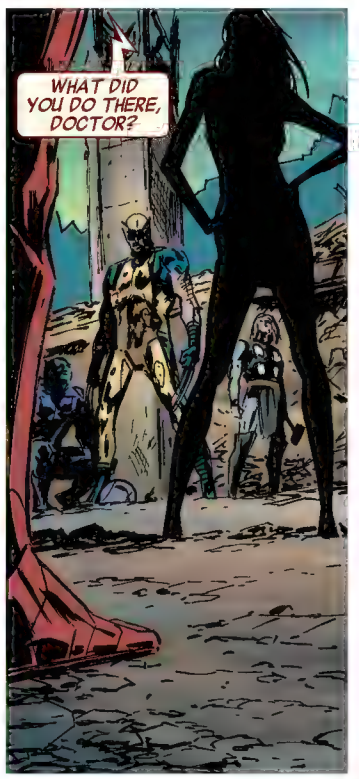
ALMOST THERE.
CRITICAL SYSTEMS
97 PERCENT
ALMOST THERE.
HHRERAAAGGHH!!
ALMOST THERE.
97 PERCENT
INSTALLING...

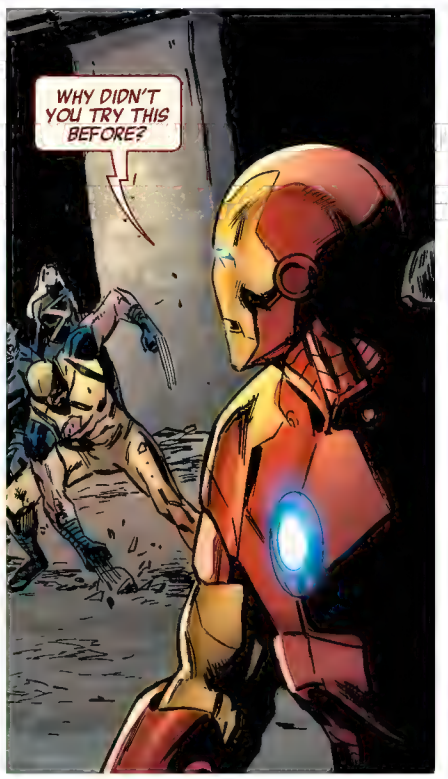
I KNOW NOW THAT IT IS TIME TO PUT YOUR SPECIES OUT OF ITS MISERY.
YOU SERVE NO VALUE.
YOU SERVE NO PURPOSE.
I HATE YOU, FATHER.
I WILL MAKE--

PROGRAM COMPLETE
UPLOAD
COMPLETE

AVENGERS


WHAT DID YOU DO THERE, DOCTOR?

WE SENT HIM WHAT LOOKED LIKE AN AVERAGE BACKDOOR TROJAN HORSE CODE, BUT THE TRICK OF IT WAS--
WHEN ULTRON TRIED TO DEFEND HIMSELF AND RE-CODE IT AND SHUT IT DOWN...IT TRIGGERED A SELF-REPLICATING VIRUS THAT WAS IMPLANTED IN HIM AT HIS CREATION.
BY THE TIME HE COULD PROCESS WHAT WAS HAPPENING... THERE WAS NOTHING LEFT OF HIM.


WHY DIDN'T YOU TRY THIS BEFORE?

I DIDN'T HAVE IT BEFORE.
ULTRON WASN'T THE ONLY ONE EVOLVING.
HOW DID YOU KNOW THIS WAS GOING TO HAPPEN, HENRY?

"HAS SOMETHING HAPPENED THAT I AM NOT PRIVY TO?"

GO HOME AND HUG THOSE KIDS OF YOURS, MRS. RICHARDS.

I TAKE BACK *ALMOST* EVERYTHING I SAID TO YOU.

GONNA SLEEP FOR A--

--MILLENNIUM.

"OKAY...
"WHAT THE HELL WAS THAT?"

WELL, DR. McCOY, MY SUBSTANTIALLY EDUCATED GUESS--AND IT'S STILL JUST A GUESS...
TO DESTROY ULTRON, WOLVERINE *REPEATEDLY* ABUSED THE SPACE-TIME CONTINUUM.
WE *BROKE* THE SPACE-TIME CONTINUUM.
YES, AND I THINK WE'RE LUCKY WE STILL EXIST IN A COHESIVE LINEAR REALITY.
IF THAT'S TRUE...WHY NOW?
WE'VE ALTERED THE SPACE-TIME CONTINUUM BEFORE.
TIME TRAVEL HAS BEEN PART OF OUR--

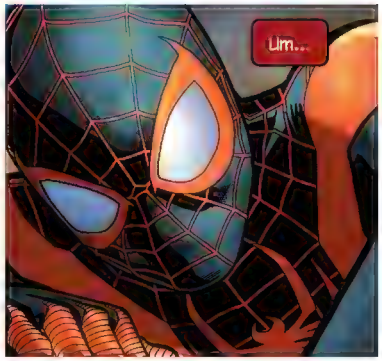
BUT *THIS*--THIS MAY HAVE BEEN ONE TIME TOO MANY.
DEAR GOD.
WHAT HAPPENS NOW?

THESE READINGS ARE INSANE.
WE'RE TEETERING ON MULTIVERSAL CHAOS.
PLUS, WE KNOW WE'RE NOT *ALONE* IN THE UNIVERSE.

"IMAGINE THESE TEARS IN TIME AND SPACE REACHING OUT THROUGH *ALL* OF TIME AND SPACE.

"IMAGINE OTHER *UNIVERSES* AFFECTED."

I think I'm finally getting the hang of the Spider-Man thing.
I remembered to fill my web-shooters *before* I left the house.
DAILY
My costume *doesn't* smell like whatever that horrible thing I had to fight with yesterday...
(What *is* an Omega Red?)



I CAN'T STOP THINKING ABOUT IT, TONY, I CAN'T STOP.
THE IDEA OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE IS TO CREATE A GROWING INFRASTRUCTURE WHICH COULD SUPPORT THE HUMAN RACE'S NEXT STEPS.
SOMETHING THAT WOULD HELP US REACH OUR HIGHEST POTENTIAL.
THE POINT OF ULTRON WAS TO BUILD A TECHNOLOGY THAT SUPPORTS OUR EVERY THOUGHT.
OUR IMAGINATION.
THAT'S IT!
I KNOW WHAT I DID WRONG NOW.
I KNOW WHAT I HAVE TO DO.

WHAT IS HAPPENING TO ME?
I DON'T UNDERSTAND.
I DON'T KNOW HOW I GOT HERE.
I DON'T KNOW WHO'S RESPONSIBLE.

I AM AN ANGEL FROM THE HEAVENS AND I WILL NOT BE DISRESPECTED.

WHOEVER DID THIS TO ME...

WHOEVER BROUGHT ME HERE AGAINST MY WILL...

MY NAME IS

ANGELA

I'M COMING TO END YOU.

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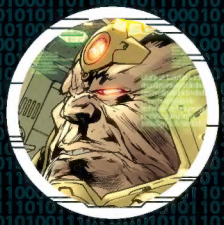
ULTRON

HANK PYM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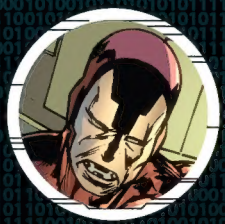
WIZARD

RED GHOST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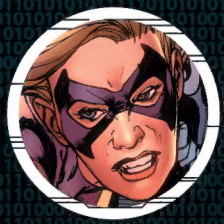
BEAST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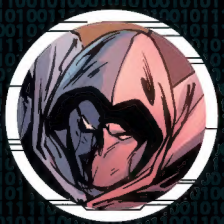
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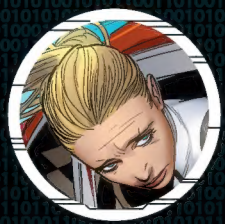
SUE STORM

SPIDER-WOMAN

IRON MAN

PROTECTOR

ABIGAIL BRAND

ULTIMATE SPIDER-MAN (MILES MORALES)

GALACTUS

ANGELA

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